

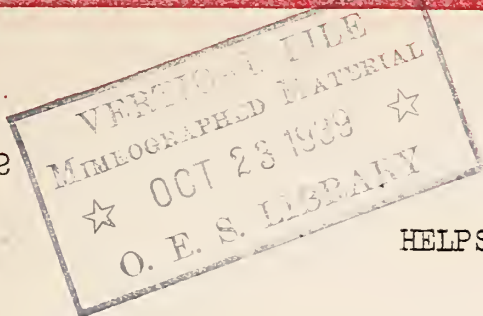
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HELPS FOR HOME BUILDERS

For those who are thinking of building or modernizing a home the U. S. Department of Agriculture has a number of helpful publications. Some of them suggest economical house plans, practical materials, mistakes to be avoided, others tell how to mix concrete, build a chimney, reroof the house, and so on. The Department's Bureau of Agricultural Engineering has prepared a list of these bulletins and it also suggests other reliable sources of information. This list will be sent to anyone on request.

Among the titles are "Planning the Farmstead" and "Beautifying the Farmstead," both of which deal with the whole area covered by the farm and home buildings. There are also a number of bulletins about construction, such as "Farmhouse Plans," "Modernizing Farmhouses," "Construction of Chimneys and Fireplaces," "Making Cellars Dry," "The Use of Logs and Poles in Farm Construction," "Adobe or Sun-Dried Brick for Farm Buildings," "Rat-Proofing Buildings and Premises," "Roof Coverings and Their Repair," "Selection of Lumber," "Injury to Buildings by Termites," and several others.

Sewerage and plumbing problems and the farmstead water supply are discussed in four other publications; using concrete on the farm, and painting farm buildings are subjects of other bulletins. Very valuable are three that describe safeguards against fire, and two on heating systems. Of special interest to the housewife are "Floors and Floor Coverings," "Window Curtaining," and "Convenient Kitchens."

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